**Underground cables of M.T.N.L.**

1388. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that underground cables of MTNL are stolen in a big way in the Capital affecting the telephones of a large number of subscribers;

(b) if so, what are the details of such thefts during the last three years; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of such thefts for the last three years are as under:—

| Sl. No. | Year | Total number of cables stolen |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | April, 89-Dec. 89 | 51 |
| (ii) | 1990 | 93 |
| (iii) | Jan. 91-August, 91 | 92 |

(c) Remedial measures like intensive vigil and close coordination with the police authorities are already being taken. In addition, measures like double locking of manhole covers on the cable duct routes and laying of cables in concrate along open culverts are proposed.

**Representation of TADA Relief Committee, Jaipur**

1389. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum from the Rajasthan TADA Relief Committee, Jaipur in respect unwarranted detention of over 100 members of the minority community under TADA; and

(b) if so, what remedial action Government have taken for the protection of minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b A report has been called for in the matter from the Government of Rajasthan. The same is awaited.

**Border telephone line in Kutch district of Gujarat**

1390. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telephone line was installed in Border area of Kutch district of Gujarat State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this line is not working;

(c) whether it is also a fact that contratcor company is not traceable; and

(d) what remedial actions are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. Public Telephones were installed at village Panchayats in Nakhatrana & Nalia—Talukas of Kutch District on Multi-access Rural Radio Systems.

(b) These public telephones have not yet been commissioned due to faults oserved in the Equipment at both the Stations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Complaint has already been lodged with the supplier of the equipment and their Engineers are on the job.